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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**IN RE APPLICATION OF:** William J. Curatolo, et al. :

**APPLICATION NO.:** 10/688,142

**:** Examiner: Berko, Retford O.

**FILING DATE:** October 17, 2003

**:** Group Art Unit: 1615

**TITLE:** METHOD OF INCREASING THE  
BIOAVAILABILITY AND TISSUE  
PENETRATION OF AZITHROMYCIN

Mail Stop Amendment  
Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In full response to the final Office Action mailed August 10, 2005, please amend the present application as follows.

An Amendment in Response to the August 10, 2005 Office Action is due prior to November 10, 2005. Therefore, the present Amendment is being timely filed.